MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI : നാടാർ ക്രസ്ത്യാനിക ളില്ലാത്ത ചെങ്ങന്നൂർ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഡിസ്പെൻസറിയിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റാമോ?

PRESIDENT: What is this question?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The member is asking whether Government have any objection to transfer him to Chengannur.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know whether a Nadar is considered as an untouchable?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Cause of the recent floods in Trivandrum.

54. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any report regarding the cause of the recent floods in Trivandrum and its vicinity from the Public Works Department; and

(*b*) whether there is any scheme or proposal made by the Department for the prevention of floods in the Trivandrum town?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, the causes are dealt with in the Press note dated the 28th July 1933.

(*b*) In May and June there was abnormally heavy rainfall. In these two months 64·85 inches of rain fell against a yearly average of 66.5. As a consequence of this, the rivers, drainage channels, irrigation channels, canals and water courses were unable to discharge large volumes of water, and breaches of rivers and channel bunds were general. The Killiyar first and the Karamanai river in its lower reaches have been the chief causes of the flooding in the Trivandrum city. The former has to be carefully investigated from above the Maruthankuzhi Dam, where the Kochar Channel takes off, up to its junction with the Karamanai river. The deepening of the bed of the river at some places so as to give a better discharge, and also the investigation of the possibility of demolishing some of the anicuts across the river which flatten out and raise its bed are considered desirable. The widening of the river at particular points to secure more or less uniformity of width with a carefully graded bedfall, is another course which may secure a uniform discharge and prevent backing up. It is proposed to carry out these investigations. Meanwhile the Drainage Engineer will investigate fully the local storm water drainage courses in the town itself.

Manjapara Reserve in the Chirayinkil taluk.

55. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With regard to the Manjapara Reserve in Pulimat *pakuthi*, Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of the reserve;

(*b*) whether any land, wet or dry, within the reserve has been assigned to private persons, and, if so, the total area so assigned;

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